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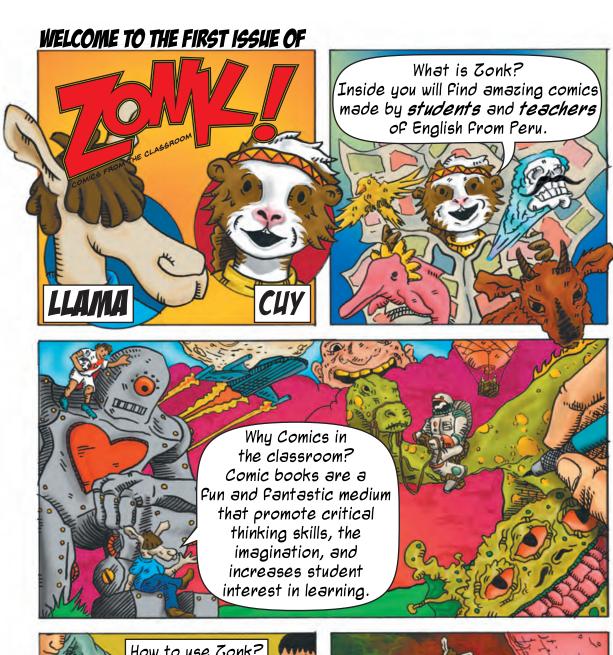
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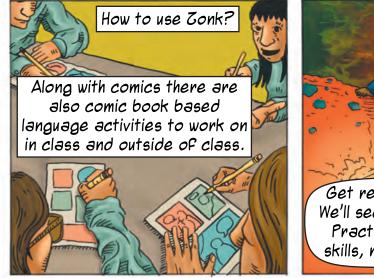
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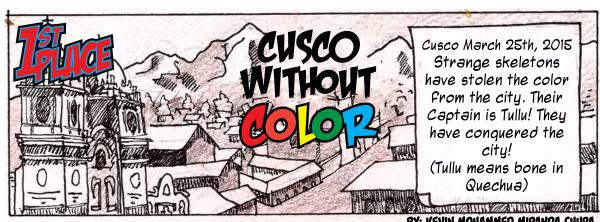




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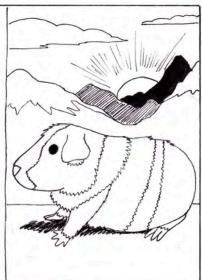








Our school's mascot is a guinea pig. Guess what? Guinea pigs come From Peru. We still breed them but not as pets. Guinea pigs make a delicious dish. Also they are not related to pigs at all, they are rodents. Not to mention that Guinea is very Far From Peru!

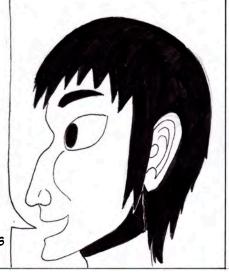


Although the official language in Peru is Spanish several other languages are spoken, For example Qechua. Do you know who Tupac Shakur was? His parents named him after Tupac Amaru the second. He was the leader of an indigenous uprising against the Spanish at the end of the 17th century.

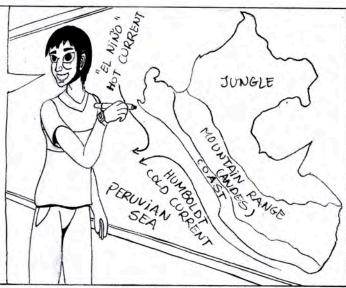


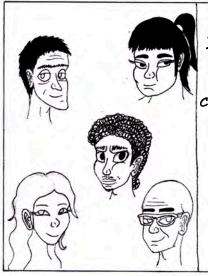


I see that
we are having
mashed potatoes
For lunch today
and French
Fries tomorrow.
We must all be very
thankful to the
indigenous people
of Peru who
domesticated the
potato and
engineered hundreds
of varieties.



Peru has 28 of the 32 types of climates that are found in the world. This is because we have two sea currents and the Andes mountain range. This allows us to grow a great variety of foreign and native plants throughout the year.



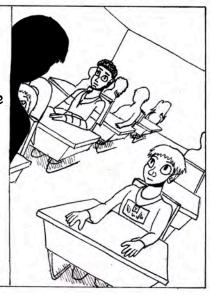


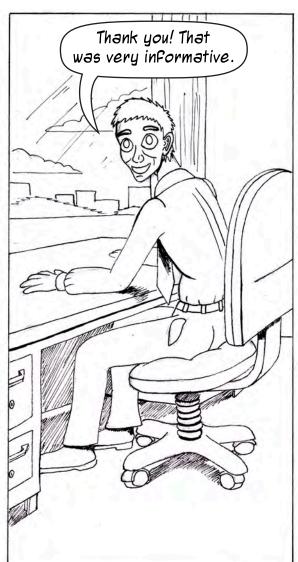
I cannot say that
I look Peruvian because
Peru is a melting pot of
people From many
countries all sharing their
cultures. There is no
"typical" Peruvian Face
you will Find them in
all shapes, sizes,
and colors.

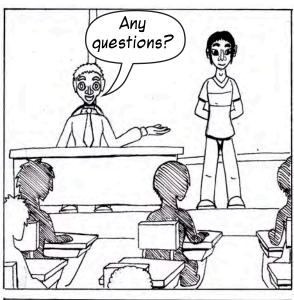


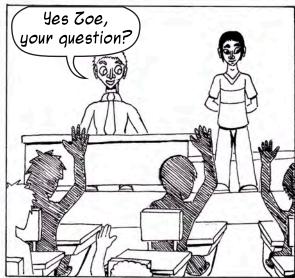


So, in conclusion, my country is not so strange. There is a little bit of Peru all over and a little bit of everywhere in Peru! Thanks For listening.



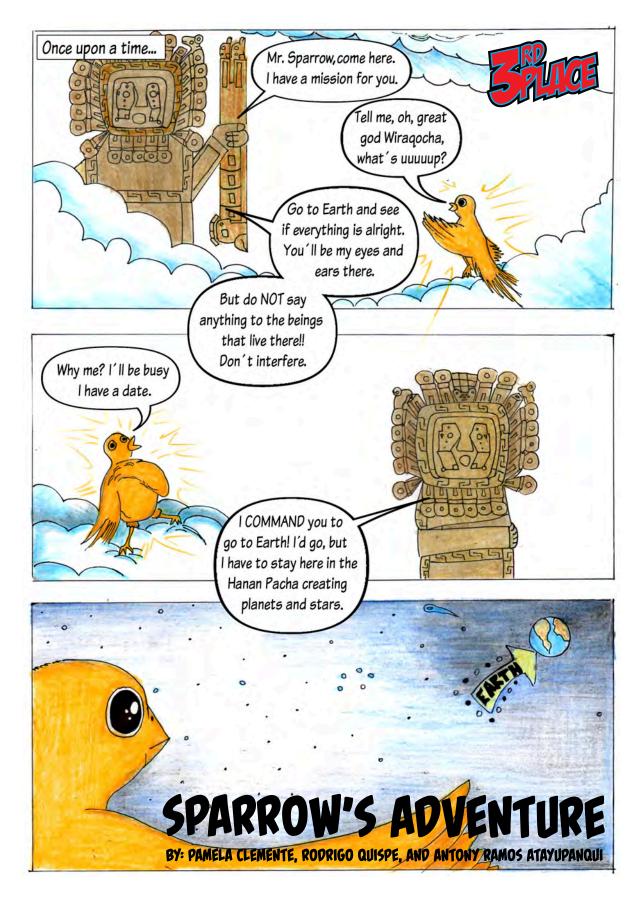




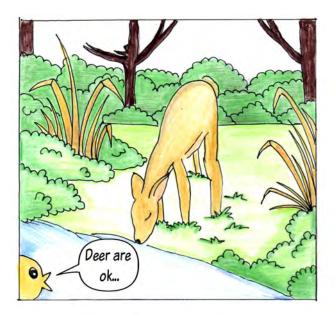


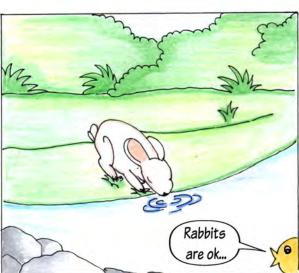


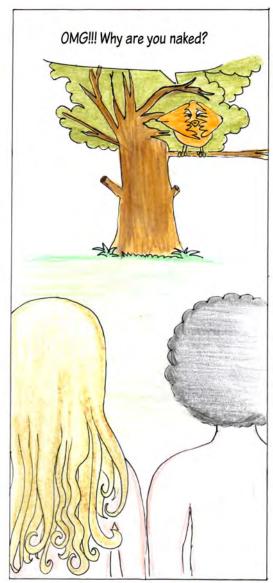


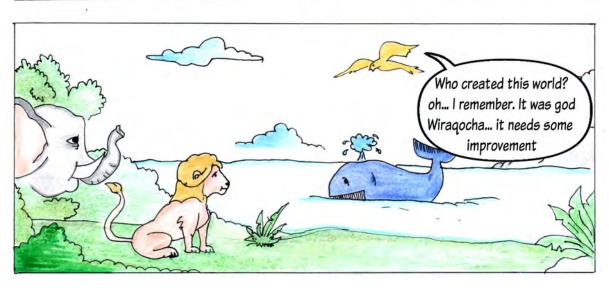




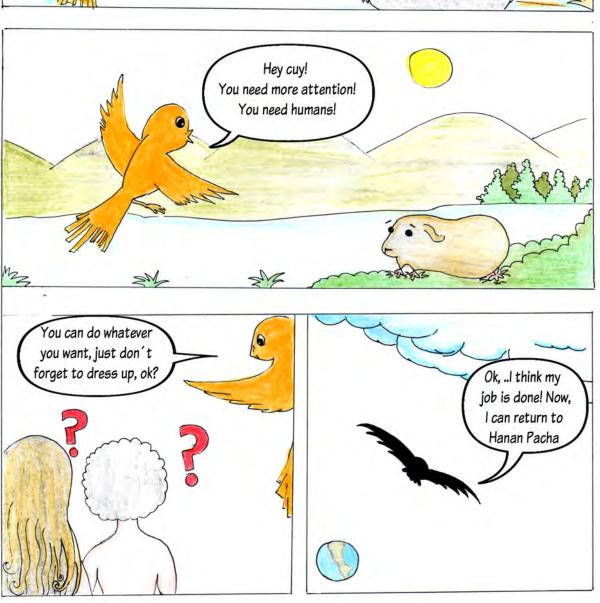












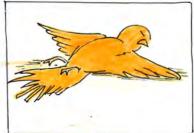




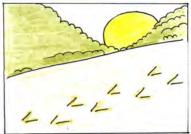






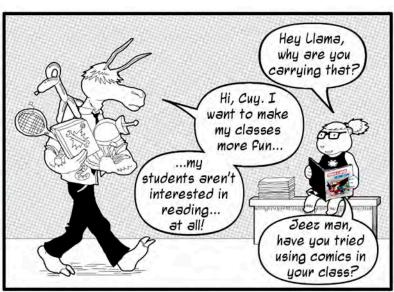












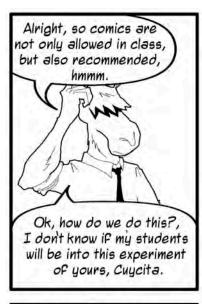








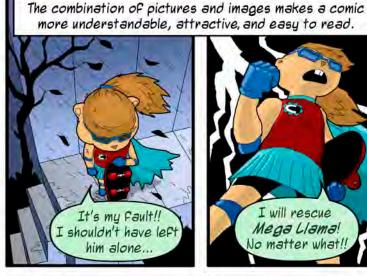












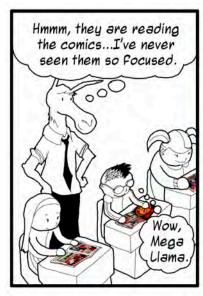


Let's put those 2 comic panels as plain text:

It's raining in Perutropolis. Ultra Cuy, overwhelmed by sorrow and remorse, talks to herself: "It's my fault. I shouldn't have left him alone.". Tired of meaningless regret, she stands up and, with iron will, states her intention and decision: "I will rescue Mega Llama! No matter what!"









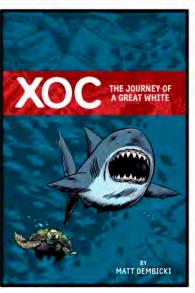


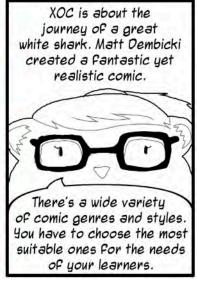




















Unlike ordinary conversations, comic books contain a great number of rare words and expressions. This helps learners when they face more difficult reading.



Many scholars have Found that comics stimulate learners to read non-comic materials, like novels, articles, etc.







## PERU, A TREASURE



## by: flor zannethe mejia alvares



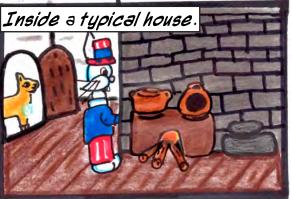












Language activity: In this story some of the content words have been darkened
Content words are nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. They are the words in a sentence
that convey its message or the important information. Identify the content words in
this story and then search for content words in another story.









At night,
we make
payment
to the
Earth. We
do this so
that we will
have a
good
harvest.



The next
day, we
make some
garlands
and we put
them on the
sheep.















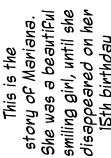


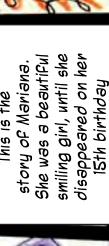












She looked lovely on

her birthday.





I have to go

come with me. but you can

Her dad thought something

was strange about him.







Where?







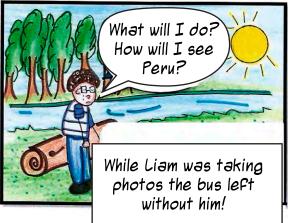
Liam is From the United States. He is the son of an archeologist. He is planning on having a Fun vacation in Peru!

Loreto is one of Peru's 24 regions. It is the largest and it is located in the North. Part of the Amazon Jungle is in Loreto.



























Liam's time with the papagayo has been wonderful. He has enjoyed his trip in Peru.

It was all a dream but is seemed so real.

Suddenly Liam
wakes up in his bed
in the United States!
It had all been a
dream. Liam, you can
make your dream
come true.

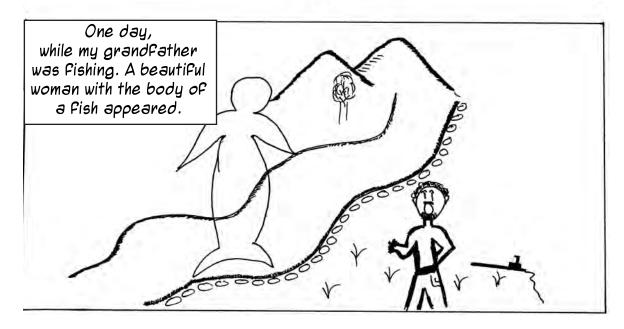
Or was it? Come and visit and see the amazing treasures of Peru!

## SING FOR THE MERMAID

BY: GIULIANA CHAVEZ JOHNSON + GABRRIELA BUSTAMANTE AGUILAR









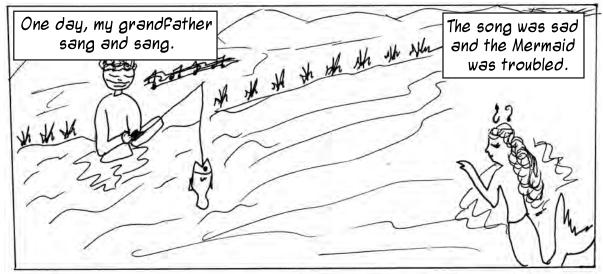


My grandfather sang for the Mermaid and when he went to fish he caught a big delicious trout.



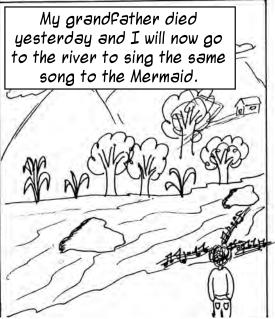














# PANGER IN EL ANGOLO

by teachers: sonja serpa, denisse perez, and mariano venegas.

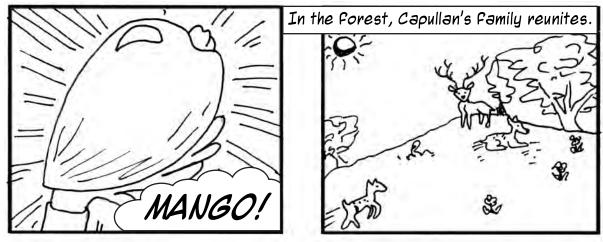


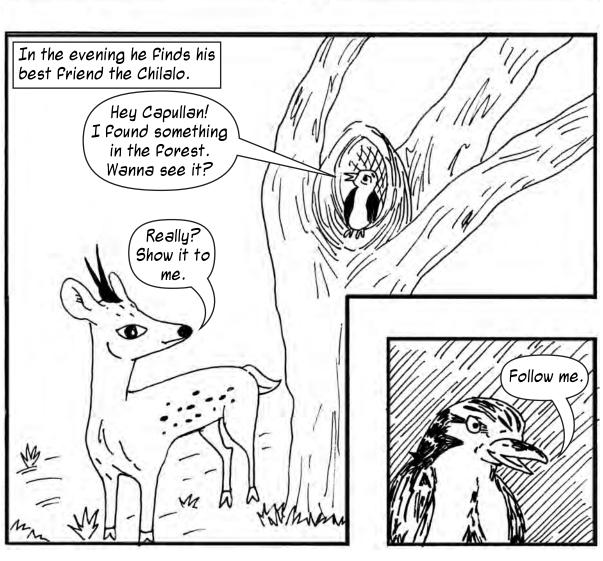


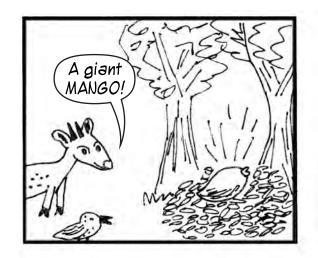


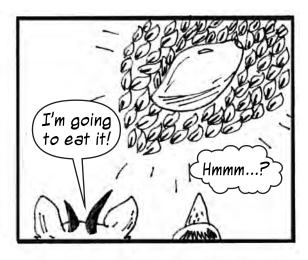


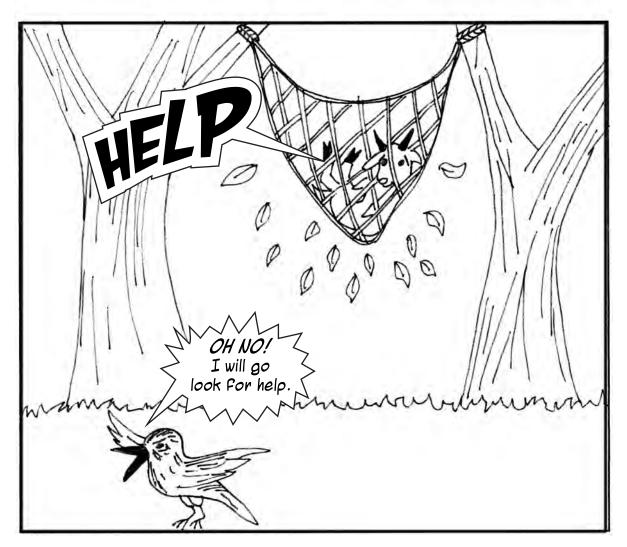












#### Chilalo Finds the Forest Fox.



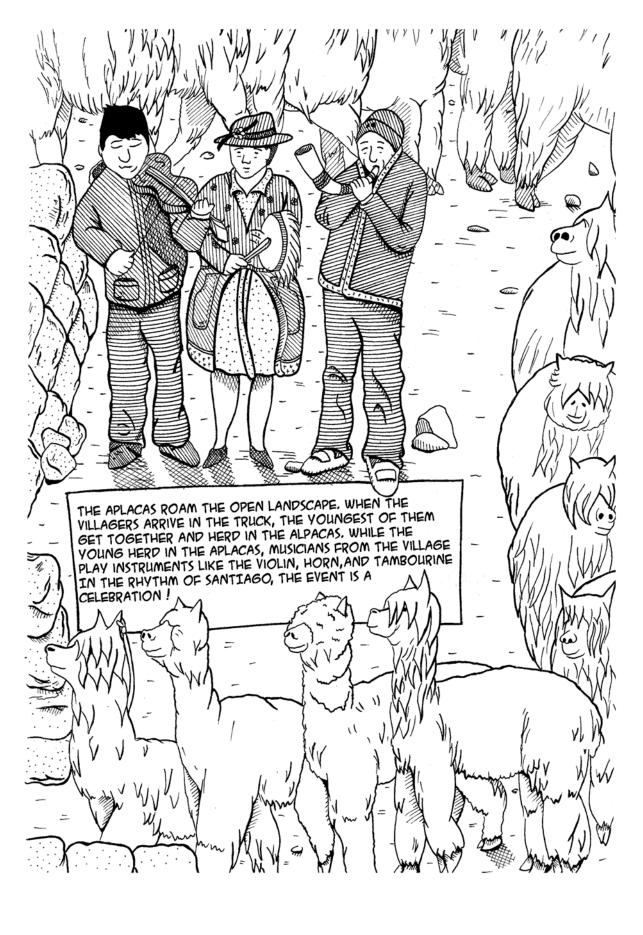








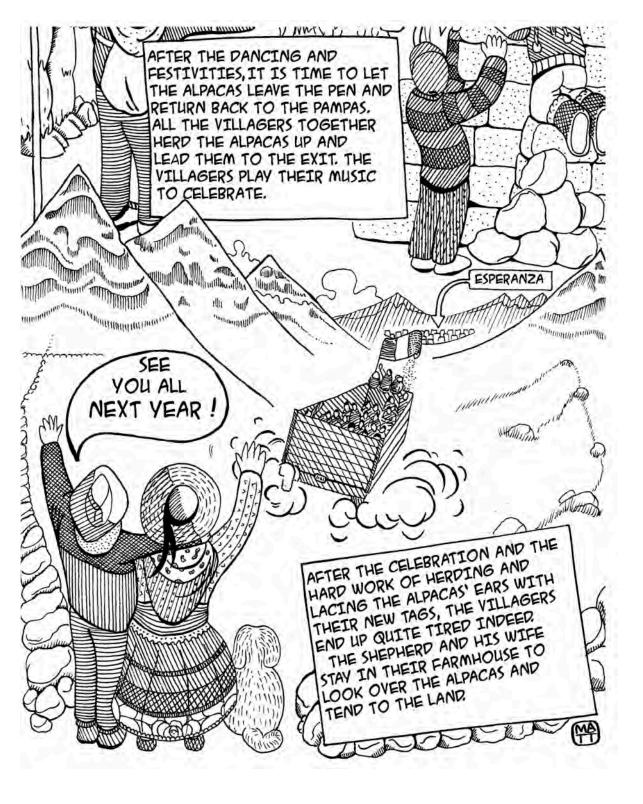


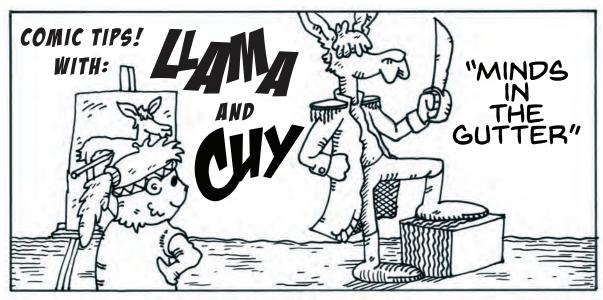






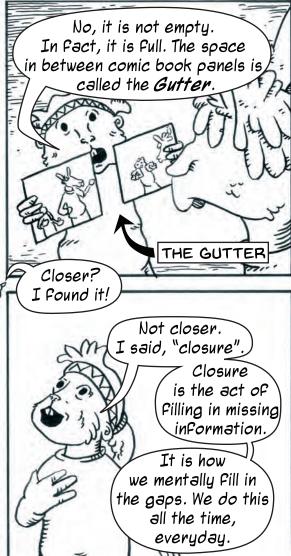




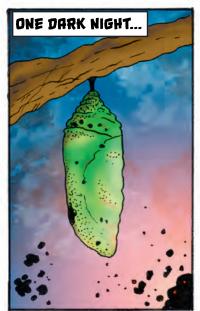








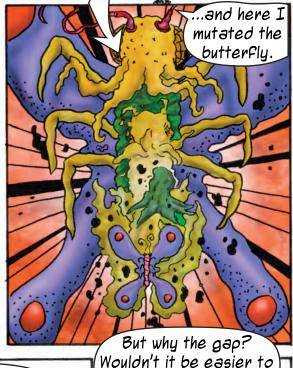












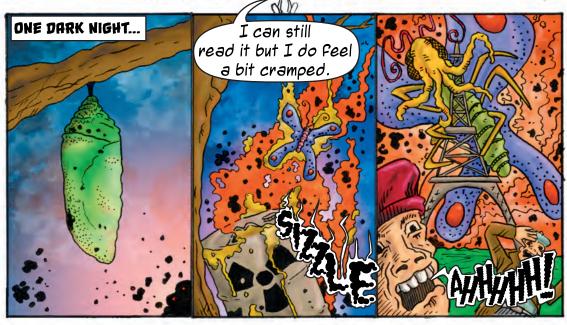


Every reader
will Fill in the gaps
differently but
essentially the act of
closure is the same.
Closure happens
automatically-we can't
help but do it.



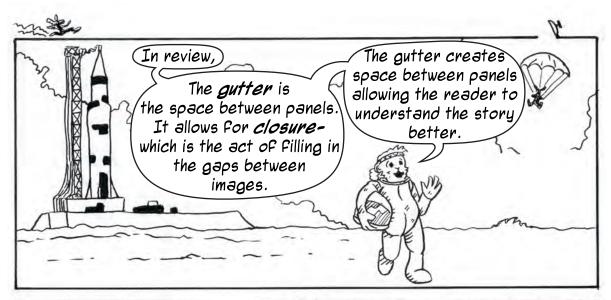






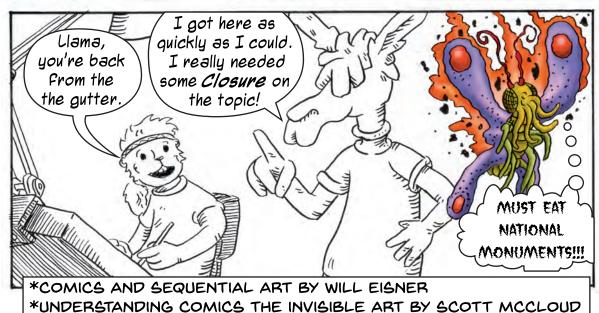






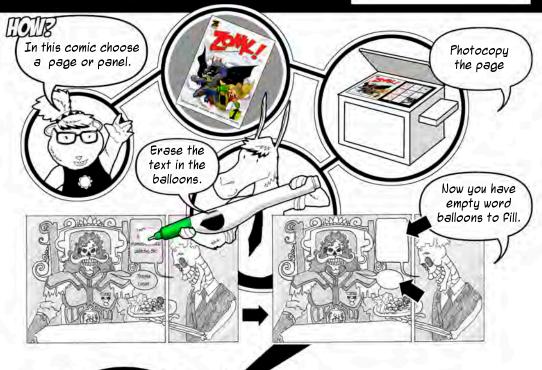






## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY: FLL IN THE BALLOON

You will need pencils, liquid paper, and comic book pages



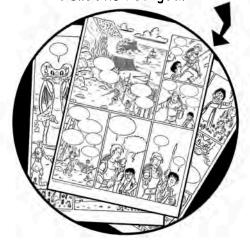
You can use any of the comics in Zonk!, any comic books you might already have, or you can use the following pages in which we have removed the text in the balloons for you!

Fill in the balloon is a highly creative activity that Fosters reading and writing skills. You can use it to practice vocabulary, communicative expressions, and grammar. It's also a great way to practice speaking through role-playing using the text in the word balloons as a script.

Fill the balloons

HANDLAY!

yes,



### WITH ALEXIS FAJARDO

Hi I'm Alexis Fajardo Author and artist of Kid Beowulf!!!





Hi Alexis!
Could you tell
our readers a bit
about your book,
Kid Beowulf?

I've been doing Kid Beowulf for about ten years now. It's based on an old epic poem called Beowulf, which is about a viking who kills a monster named Grendel. In my version the viking (Beowulf) is 12 and the monster, Grendel, is his twin brother. They travel across Europe meeting other heroes and getting into adventures. Growing up I always loved comics like Asterix, so Kid Beowulf is partly inspired by that and my love for mythology.

Do you do all `the work on Kid Beowulf?

Yes, I do all the work on the comic: From concept, script, penciling, inking, lettering, post-production and publishing! It takes a lot of time and effort, but I enjoy doing it and find it very rewarding. Recently I have been coloring the comic and for that I have an assistant, which has been very helpful.

How do
you make your
comic? Give
us a glimpse
into your
process.

After I've written a script and thumbnailed the book, I draw the pages on 11x14 Bristol board with blue pencil. Then I ink it with a variety of Japanese brush pens (my favorite part). Once the page has been inked, I then scan it and do the finish work (clean-up, letters, and colors) in photoshop. I have a font that is based on my hand writing that gives the comic a more hand-made quality than a generic font. I generally try to do work in batches so I don't get too tired or sloppy; I do pencils for 10 pages and then ink them, and then going back to more pencils.

Who are some
of your favorite
comic book
artists and
writers?

There are so many good cartoonists, past and present that it is hard to keep up with them all. Some of my favorites include: Albert (Asterix) Uderzo, Jeff (Bone) Smith, Walt (Pogo) Kelly, and Charles (Peanuts) Schulz.

What got you into comics initially? Do you remember your First comic book?

I've always gravitated to comics, ever since
I was a kid. It's the type of storytelling that interests me most.
My first comic was Asterix the Legionary (and I still have it!).

I know that you have visited Peru. What was your Favorite experience here in Peru?

Peru was amazing! I visited in 2012 and was invited by ICPNA to share my work. I enjoyed Lima and was thrilled to visit Cusco and Machu Picchu – Peru has a Fascinating history and amazing ruins. I look Forward to returning.

Finally, do you have any advice for aspiring comic book writers and artists?

Read everything (and not just comics and graphic novels)
and draw all the time. Watch movies and be open to different
ways of storytelling. That is ultimately what being a good
cartoonist is – being a good storyteller. Don't be intimidated by
the blank page and be happy with your work but never satisfied,
always strive to get better.

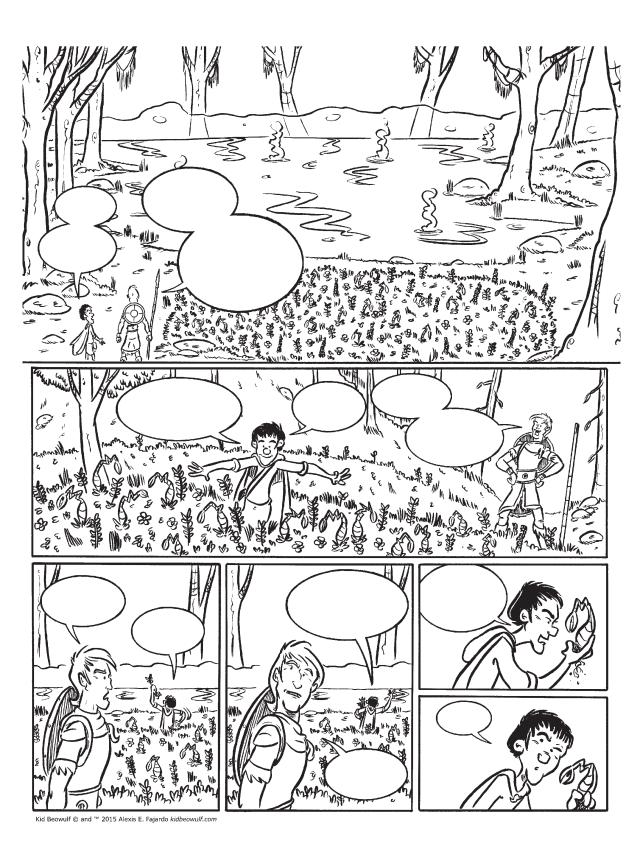
# ACTIVITY - FILL IN THE BALLOON! The Following pages are From Alexis' graphic novel Kid Beowulf Eddas: Shild and Oragon.

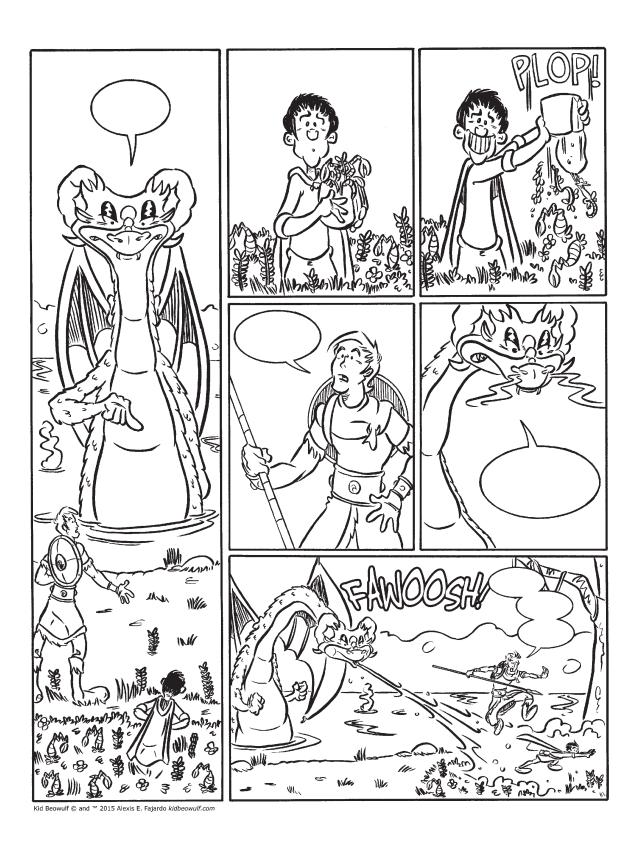
Alexis donated the use of these pages as a fill in the balloon activity! You may photo copy them and fill in the balloons with your own words. Scan and send the finished comics to zonkcomics@gmail.com to be entered to win a signed copy of Kid Beowulf!

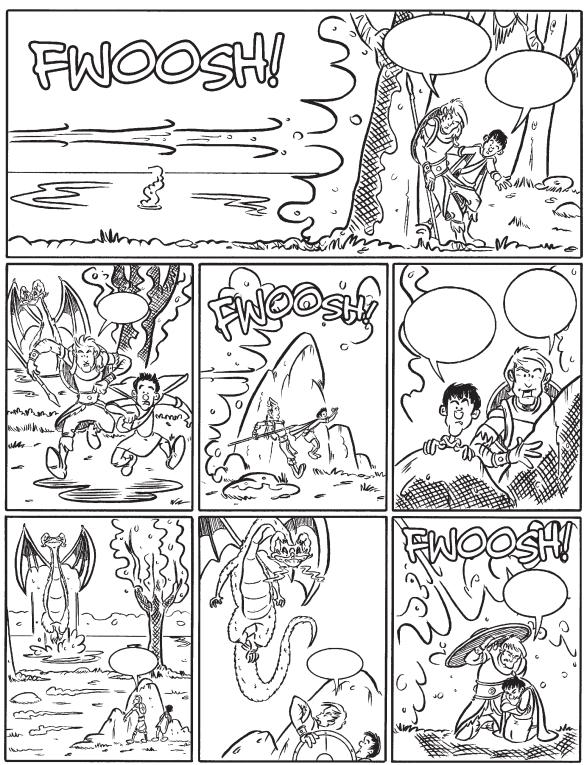
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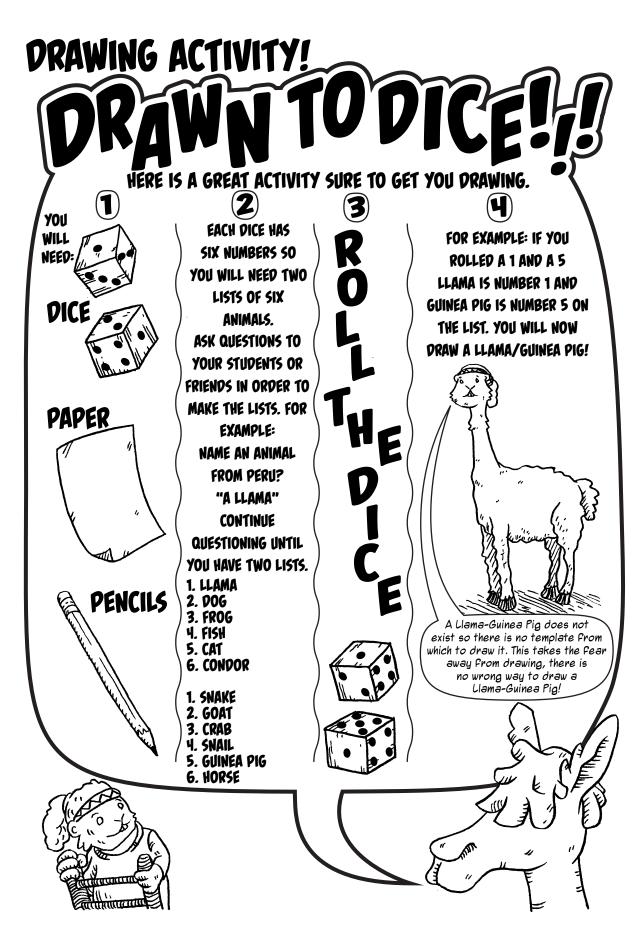
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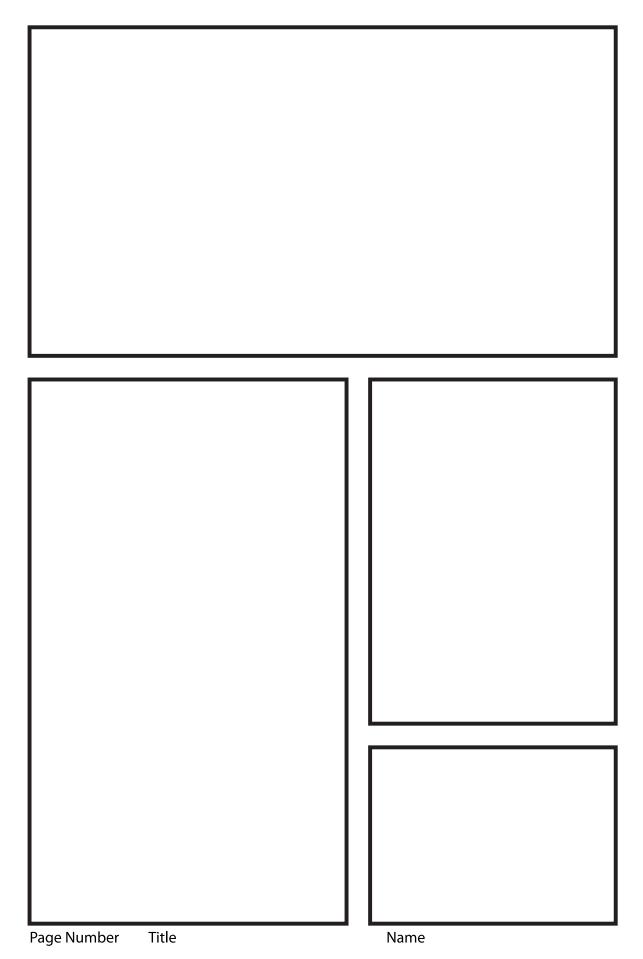


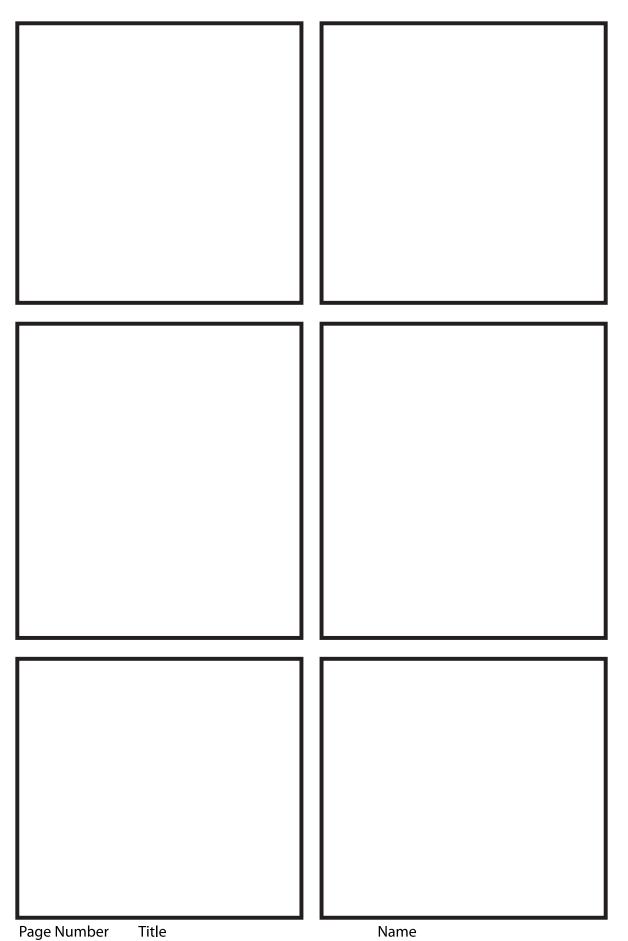


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COMIC BOOK PAGE TEMPLATES FOR YOU TO PHOTOCOPY AND USE! FILL IN THE PANELS WITH YOUR OWN STORIES!						





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#### **CLASSROOM ACTIVITY**

# PANEL

PANEL FRENZY IS A GREAT ACTIVITY
FOR CLASS OR JUST FOR FUN!



- PENCILS, PAPER, AND COMIC BOOK
  PANELS. PANELS ARE ON THE BACK OF
  THIS COMIC BUT ANY COMIC WORKS!
- NOW ARRANGE THE PANELS INTO A STORY. YOU COULD ARRANGE THE PANELS IN 362,880 DIFFERENT WAYS!

- FIND THESE PANELS AND MORE
  ON THE BACK OF THIS COMIC!
  - PHOTOCOPY THE BACK OF THIS COMIC AND CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINES.
    YOU WILL HAVE 9 PANELS.
  - PASTE THE PANELS ON A SHEET OF AU
    AND UNDER EACH PANEL WRITE DOWN
    THE STORY FOR EACH PANEL.

#### FOR EXAMPLE:



Frank's parents had no food for the party!



So Frank rode his coyote in search of a way to make food.



He found the wise Condor who had a cook book. They made a wonderful meal!

THERE IS NO WRONG WAY
TO ARRANGE THE PANELS. THIS
ACTIVITY IS A GREAT WAY TO
PRACTICE WRITTEN ENGLISH AS
WELL AS SPOKEN ENGLISH.
WORK IN SMALL GROUPS AND
PRESENT THE STORY
OUT LOUD.

FLIP TO THE BACK COVER OF THIS BOOK AND GET STARTED!

SCAN AND SEND YOUR STORIES TO ZONKCOMICS@GMAIL.COM. WE WILL SELECT THE BEST

THREE AND THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A GRAPHIC NOVEL!

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# PANEL FRENZY

PHOTO COPY AND CUT ALONG THE POTTED LINES, THEN ARRANGE THE PANELS IN A STORY, AND ADD TEXT UNDER EACH PANEL.

EULL INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE!





SCAN YOUR NEW STORY AND SEND IT WITH YOUR NAME TO ZONKCOMICS@GMAIL.COM

3 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A GRAPHIC NOVEL!